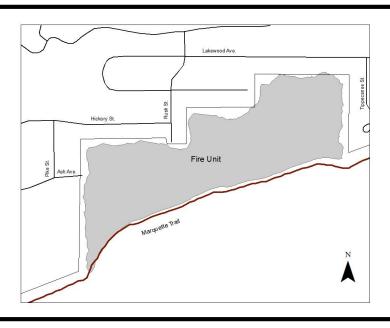
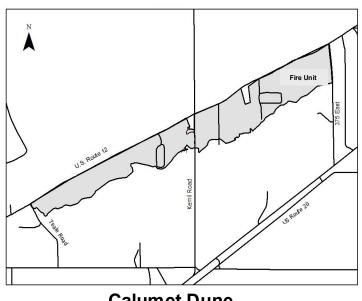


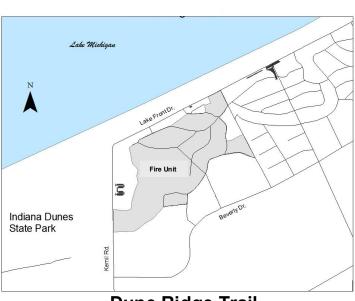
Hobart Prairie Grove 174 Acres



Marquette Trail 37 acres



Calumet Dune 172 acres



Dune Ridge Trail 130 Acres

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore



Notice: Upcoming Prescribed Fires

Dates

Fall Prescribed Fires will occur between October 20 and December 15.

*It is difficult to determine the exact dates because prescribed fire requires specific weather conditions.

Precautions

The prescribed fire program at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is conducted by trained and experienced National Park Service fire personnel. Care will be taken while burning to avoid impacts to visitors and adjacent landowners.

Park staff will do everything possible to limit smoke in the area. As always, smoke dispersal is a primary concern. However, the inconvenience of some smoke drifting in and around park lands and roadways is possible. During prescribed fires, please follow these precautions:

- When driving, we ask that you be aware of the presence of fire personnel, equipment and smoke.
- If you have a respiratory ailment, please take care to limit smoke exposure.
- If you are in the path of drifting smoke or ash, close windows, doors, and postpone outdoor activities as necessary.

Fire prescription Clear management goals and objectives have been established for each burn unit. Before burning, a designated set of conditions must exist including ideal air temperature, wind speed and direction, and relative humidity. Weather conditions will be monitored throughout the duration of the burn to ensure the fire is completed safely. Firebreaks, such as creeks or mowed lines, are used to reduce the likelihood of fire spreading to areas outside the prescribed burn location.

Objectives

Objectives for using prescribed fire include historic landscape restoration, ecosystem restoration, invasive species eradication, and protection of biodiversity. Burns for this fall include Hobart Prairie Grove, Marquette Trail, Dune Ridge, and Calumet Dune. Map locations of the prescribed fire units are located on the back of this page.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the Park Fire Management Officer at 219-395-8840. More information on fire management at the park is available at www.nps.gov/indu/parkmgmt/firemanagement.htm